GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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SELECTION OF NEW SITES BY IBP FOR DEALERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that IBP has selected the new sites and has selected the dealers without press advertisement;

(b) if so, whether the BPCL, HPCL and IOCL have also completed selection of sites and dealers after releasing the same in press;

(c) if so, whether the Government issued new directions only to make the system transparent or to help the private refineries having marketing rights;

(d) if so, whether these directions would be applicable in future cases and not on already completed cases;

(e) if not, whether the PSU`s are still authorized to select the locations and dealers as per their own policy; and

(f) if not, the reasons for not permitting the PSU`s also make their own policy to face competition?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (f) Consequent upon the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism in the petroleum sector with effect from 1.4.2002, the selection of dealers for retail outlets will now be made by the oil marketing companies themselves as per the guidelines to be adopted by them. Preliminary action like selection of suitable sites for setting up retail outlets has been initiated by the oil companies. The IBP Co. Limited has conducted some interviews for selection of dealers as per the policy drafted by them.